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TAGS:UR, US, EWT

SUBJ: SOVIET OFFICIALS DENY USSR INTENTION TO PURCHASE  
GRAIN IN US.  
FOR SONNENFELDT AND GARRISON

1. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, DURING RECEPTION FOR SOVIET  
FISHERIES DELEGATION AT DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT, CHARGE  
VORONTSOV AND MINISTER VASEV TOLD ACTING DIRECTOR SOV THAT  
PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, SOVIETS HAVE NO INTENTION  
OF PURCHASING GRAIN ON US MARKET.

2. COMMENT: USDA OFFICIALS QUESTION HOW WELL INFORMED  
EMBASSY IS ON SOVIET GRAIN IMPORT INTENTIONS AND CONTINUE  
TO BELIEVE SOVIET PURCHASES ARE POSSIBLE. BOTH CIA AND  
USDA HAVE REVISED SOVIET CROP ESTIMATES DOWNWARD TO  
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210 MILLION TONS AND 195 MILLION TONS RESPECTIVELY. CIA

NOW ESTIMATES SOVIET WORLD-WIDE GRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS  
AT BETWEEN 5 AND 10 MILLION TONS, PRIMARILY FOR FEEDGRAINS;  
USDA ESTIMATES ARE SOMEWHAT HIGHER.

3. MEANWHILE, SENATOR JACKSON MADE STATEMENT THIS MORN-  
ING THAT SENATE INVESTIGATORS HAD CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS  
ARE NEGOTIATING WITH MAJOR US GRAIN EXPORTERS FOR "SEVERAL

MILLION TONS OF GRAIN, SOME OR ALL OF WHICH WOULD COME  
FROM THIS YEAR'S AMERICAN HARVEST." INGERSOLL

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